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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN: EXBS ADVISOR'S REPORTING CABLE (MARCH 2009)

II. BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS:

11. In May, the Kazakhstan Customs Control Committee plans to make a presentation at the World Customs Organization (WCO) meeting in Norway regarding an effort to obtain designation of Kazakhstan as a regional WCO training center and get WCO capacity building assistance in creating a regional customs academy.

12. On March 21 the Central Asia Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone Treaty, which was signed in Semipalatinsk, Kazakhstan, on September 8, 2006, came into force.

II. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

1A. SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS CONDUCTED

13. On March 16, the Astana EXBS advisor and Lt. Michael Fisher, the EXBS Regional Advisor for the Caspian Sea, conducted meetings with the Deputy Chief of Mission, the staff of the Office of Military Cooperation, the Pol-Econ Section's energy and non-proliferation officers, and Defense Threat Reduction Agency staff. The purpose was to discuss the status of engagement with the Kazakhstan Maritime Border Guards and the challenges regarding Caspian Sea maritime security.

14. On March 16, the Embassy held a Security Assistance Working Group meeting during which Lt. Michael Fisher outlined his experience in dealing with the Kazakhstan Maritime Border Guards and gave details of the transition of responsibility for maritime issues to the Astana EXBS advisor.

¶5. On March 19, the EXBS advisor attended a meeting with representatives from the Customs Control Committee led by Dauren Kayupovich Tulemissov, Deputy Head of its Organizational Department, concerning EXBS assistance for the coming year and the development of a strategic plan through 2012.

¶6. On March 19, the EXBS advisor attended a meeting with representatives from the Border Guard Service of the National Security Committee lead by Major General Mazhitov, First Deputy to the Director of the Border Guard Service, concerning EXBS assistance for the coming year, the development of a strategic plan through 2012, and the reorganization of the Maritime Border Guards into a more "Coast Guard-like" organization.

¶7. March 31-April 1, the EXBS advisor participated in mid-year consultations with representatives from the Department of State, the Department of Energy, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Homeland Security.

¶B. TRAINING COURSES CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

¶8. None

¶C. EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

¶9. None

¶D. IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE

¶10. April 13-24, the EXBS program manager and two representatives from Kazakhstan will attend The University of Georgia's Center for International Trade and Security Export Control Academy in Athens,

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Georgia. The participants from Kazakhstan are Azat Makhmudov, International Security Division of the Department of Multilateral Collaboration in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Zhussupbekov Nurlan, Export Control Department of The Ministry of Industry and Trade.

¶E. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NONPROLIFERATION, OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY

¶11. None

¶F. CASPIAN SECURITY INFORMATION

¶12. None

III. RED FLAG ISSUES.

¶13. None.

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